

North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Highlights

July 7, 2010

The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) met on July 7, 2019 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to select wetland conservation projects that will be recommended to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission) for funding approval on September 15, 2010.

The total estimated funding available from all sources for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 is \$87,955,619. Included in this total are funds from the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act to be used in United States coastal ecosystems; court settlements directed to the wetlands account to be used in areas identified in the settlement agreements; EPA's Great Lakes Wetland Restoration Initiative to be spent within the Great Lakes watershed, and recoveries allocated to the countries from which they were originally committed. All other FY 2011 funding will be allocated 50% to United States, 45% to Canadian, and 5% to Mexican projects, resulting in estimated country allocations of \$56,224,227 to the United States, (including \$3,000,000 reserved for the Small Grants Program); \$28,350,032 to Canada; and \$3,381,359 to Mexico. A portion of the United States funds, \$4,630,743, is derived from fines paid under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and must be spent within the District of Massachusetts, with preference to projects along the Mystic River (\$4,455,343) and within the states of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. An additional \$1,330,097 is based on the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and must be spent within the Great Lakes Basin.

Project Proposal Recommendations

The Council selected the following 24 United States Standard Grant Program proposals, requesting a total of \$23,173,492 in funding, for recommendation to the Commission. The proposals' match contributions amount to \$66,774,824. Total partner contributions (match and other Federal contributions) amount to \$71,864,409.

Acadia Archipelago, ME
Austin's Woods IV, TX
Big Oxbow Wetland Acquisition - Phase II, ND
Carteret County, NC Coastal Initiative, NC
Conservation in the Confluence II, MO
Deadwater - Neches River NWR, TX
Delaware Bayshores Land Protection and Climate Change Adaptation, DE
Dos Rios Ranch, CA
Gulf Coast Wetlands Restoration and Enhancement III, LA/TX
Henry's Fork III, ID
Living Floodplains of NW Oregon and SW Washington, Phase II, OR
Missouri Coteau Habitat Conservation Project - IX, ND
Mukwonago - Fox River Watershed Initiative, WI
North Dakota Northern Prairie Project, ND

North Park Wetland Conservation Partnership, CO
Northeastern California Wetlands Habitat Project, Phase I, CA
Platte River Confluence Phase III, NE
Prairie Lakes V Wetland Initiative, IA
Prairies Without Borders (Phase II), SD, MN, ND
Rocky Mountain Front Protection Project III, MT
St. Johns River Headwaters - Phase II, FL
Suisun Marsh Managed Wetland Enhancement Project, Phase III, CA
Wetlands Rest. and Enh. of Private and Public Lands, Texas Gulf Coast VIII, TX
Winyah Bay Protection Project: Phase III, SC

Additionally, new Matching Contribution Plans were also approved for the following four proposals:

Mukwonago - Fox River Watershed Initiative, WI
Northeastern California Wetlands Habitat Project, Phase I, CA
Prairie Lakes V Wetland Initiative, IA
Prairies Without Borders (Phase II), SD, MN, ND

These recommendations are subject to available funding for FY 2011.

The balance of estimated FY 2011 funds will be allocated as follows: U.S., \$33,050,735; Canada, \$28,350,032; Mexico, \$3,381,359.

Scheduling

The next Council meeting will be held in a location to be determined in the Gulf of Mexico region of the United States on December 7 - 8, 2010.

Meeting Summary

For a complete meeting summary, contact David Buie or dbhc@fws.gov.